

# Trustee Line – Current Issue

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## Thoughts From The Trustees – Current and Past

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Gam-Anon

10/15/19 – 6:15 PM

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

I just wanted to remind everyone that our up-coming meetings in Montreal can, possibly, mark a great improvement to our program. I refer to the agenda items referencing Gam-Anon.

Item #16: Our friend Lenny S, wants to add the description and instructions for a Gamblers Anonymous – Gam-Anon Combined meeting to our Group Handbook.

Item #23: I (John B) propose adding the words “With the sole exception of Gam-Anon” to our 6th Unity Step.

Item #45: I (John B) propose designating local area Gam-Anon Meeting Lists as Gamblers Anonymous “Appropriate” literature.

We will be receiving a report from our BOT committee charged with “Defining our Relationship with Gam-Anon.” This should be an easy task for them: Gam-Anon has always been and still is good for Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

Its time we stopped avoiding the issue of endorsing Gam-Anon, and recognize them as a fellowship dedicated not only to helping those whose lives have been affected by us, but also helping us by spreading the word that we are sick, not bad people, who can redeem ourselves if given the opportunity.

As Trustees, I’m asking that ALL of you do this for the good of ALL: Vote YES on items #16, #23, and #45. Let’s make the vote UNANIMOUS.

Your friend in recovery,

John B, Trustee  
Area 13 – Pennsylvania

## Emails

10/15/19 – 6:30 PM

There seems to be a flurry of emails regarding agenda items for Montreal. Shouldn’t they be here, on this site?

Stuart B  
Area 14 – New York

10/24/19 – 5:02 PM

In response to Stuart B’s comment that there had been a lot of emails sent regarding agenda items: you’re correct, Stuart. I sent a few emails to all trustees, using email addresses from the Confidential Trustee Listing (CTL).

I used that method because we’ve learned that pathetically-few take advantage of the Trustee Line, and even fewer even bother to read it.

I wanted to reach as many trustees as possible regarding certain items, as I consider these particular items especially important, not only to me, but to all of our members.

Whenever I want to contact another trustee on just about any matter, if I don't already have his/her email address in my contacts, I look it up on the "CTL". I wish I didn't have to; I wish I could just post something onto the Trustee Line and know everyone will see it. Maybe someday?

To our Canadian friends, Wonderful conference. Thank you!!

Your friend in recovery,  
John B, Trustee, Area 13